repeatedly been broken through, the question arose in many minds whether the time had not come for surrender.

Opponents of surrender had an easy task so long as they could claim a divine command and mission for Israel; but it is more difficult to justify a continued existence on rational grounds. It is not enough to say that the Jewish people has an obvious right to exist, like any other nation, and that no further explanation is required; for the Jews—scattered through many countries and without a territory under their own sovereignty—are not like other nations, but'a nation unique in. its kind. The right to national existence can only be based 011 the fact that so long as they survive as a nation, they can do more for the development of human culture than if they are absorbed by other nations.

It is impossible to imagine what modern culture would be like if the strands were removed from its multi-coloured texture which the Jews have woven into it: they have done it in ancient times through their religion, which became the basis of Christianity and Islam, and which in the Bible has produced the Book of all the ages; in the Middle Ages, by sharing in the Arabic culture and handing it on to the Western world; in modern times, through achievements in the economic, literary, and scientific spheres. Similarly in the future considerable contributions can be

expected from the Jewish intellectual heritage; but that heritage can be preserved only so long as the Jews form a community of theix own and do not merge into other nations. While they marry within their own race, there is the probability that parents of a similar mentality will hand on their qualities to their children; intermarriage with other races reduces those chances. There may be high qualities OIL both sides, but they have not the same tendency, and the result will probably be not a summing-up but a weakening of the parental qualities. The specific qualities acquired by the Jews in the course of their unique history will be lost, and humanity will be deprived of a valuable variant. Similarly the Jewish tradi-